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SUBJECT: CSCE AND MULTIPLE VISAS FOR JOURNALISTS

1. FINNISH PRESS OFFICER PAASILINNA CALLED ON PRESS ATTACHE SEPT 17 TO DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS DISCUSSIONS REGARDING MULTIPLE VISAS FOR JOURNALISTS.

2. PASSILINNA SAID SIX FINNISH JOURNALISTS ARE RESIDENT IN USSR. ALL HAVE SINGLE EXIT/ENTRY PERMITS WHICH HE BELIEVES ARE VALID FOR ONE YEAR. TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, NO FINNISH CORRESPONDENT HAS EVER BEEN GRANTED A MULTIPLE VISA, AND THERE HAVE BEEN CASES OF SOVIET REFUSAL TO RENEW THE PERMIT. ALTHOUGH FINNISH TV AND FILM REPORTERS USUALLY USE NOVOSTI CREWS, OCCASIONALLY A FINNISH CREW HAS BEEN ADMITTED.

3. THE GOF HAS NOT SUBMITTED A FORMAL PROPOSAL ON MULTIPLE VISAS, BUT ACCORDING TO PAASILINNA, MAY DO SO IF THE US PROPOSAL ACCEPTED BY SOVIETS.

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